



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 234**

January Session, 2011

House Bill No. 5439

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2011*

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through REP. MEGNA of the 97th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE IN THE STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2      to study the prescription drug coverage insurance plans available to
- 3      residents of the state. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a
- 4      review of the formularies offered under such plans and the notice
- 5      requirements for changes to such formularies.
- 6      (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 7      (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 8      (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 9      (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
- 10     Representatives;
- 11     (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

12 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
13 Representatives;

14 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

15 (7) The Insurance Commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

16 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)  
17 to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of  
18 the General Assembly.

19 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
20 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
21 filled by the appointing authority.

22 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
23 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
24 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
25 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
26 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

27 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance  
29 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

30 (g) Not later than January 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a  
31 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
32 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
33 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
34 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
35 that it submits such report or January 1, 2012, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**INS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
Various State Agencies	All Funds - Cost	Less than \$5,000	Less than \$5,000

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study prescription drug coverage plans. Participating agencies would incur minimal costs, estimated to be less than \$5,000, associated with mileage reimbursement of 51 cents per mile for legislators and agency staff (who seek such reimbursement) participating on the task force.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18      Nay 2      (03/15/2011)